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1. CU/EE INFORMED MILL AUGUST 10 THAT WE ARE PREPARED TO HELP FUND HIS PROPOSED EXCHANGE IN FY 77 AS PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED WITH HIM. AMERICAN BUSINESS PRESS (AUP) IS PREPARED TO RECEIVL 1U SOVIET BUSINESS PRESS JOURNALISTS FOR TWO WEEKS DURIG NOVEMBER. (HOWEVER, AUP IS FLEXIBLE O; WHEN IT CAN RECEIVE DLLEGATION, WIT' EXCEPTION OF OCTO;ER WHICH IS NOT POSSIBLE FOR AUP, AND SEPTEMBER WHEN CU PROGRAM AGE;CIES ARE FULLY BOOKED.) SINCE ABP HAS NO FUNDS FOR SOVIETS, CU/EE WOULD FUHD PARTIAL IV GRANTS. PROGRAM WOULD BE ARRANGED BY VPS IN COOPERATION WITH ABP. SOVIETS WOULD PROVIDE INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL. FOR RETURN VISIT, ABP WOULD SEND 10-PERSON DELEGATION TO USSR IN SPRING 1977. USDEL WOULD PAY OWN INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL (NO CU/EE FUDING), AND SOVIETS WOULD COVER COSTS IN USSR.

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2. MILL WROTE ALEKSANDER LOSEV, VICE CHAIRMAN, UNION OF

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JOURALISTS ON FEBRUARY 9 PROPOSING EXCHANGE BUT HAS OT
RECEIVED REPLY.

3. IN WRAPUP SESSION WITH SOVIET JOURNALIST DELEGATION
(LOMKO ET AL) AT DEPARTMENT AUGUST 10, CU/EE DIRECTOR
OUTLINED PROPOSAL AS ABOVE, AND GAVE LOMKO COPY OF MILL'S
FEBRUARY 9 LETTER TO LOSEV. WE UNDERSTAND GEORGE FORNER
ALSO HAS COPY. LOMKO NOTED THAT UNION OF JOURNALISTS HAD
HAD FIRE IN ITS BUILDING AND THIS HAD PERHAPS DELAYED
RESPONSE.

4. REQUEST EMBASSY DISCUSS WITH LOSEV AND ADVISE AVAILA-
BILITY OF SOVDEL DURING NOVEMBER, AND TRY TO SET ARRIVAL
DATE IF POSSIBLE. WE WILL OF COURSE REQUIRE THE USUAL
ADVANCE REPEAT ADVANCE INFO RE BIO DATA AND SOVDEL
INTERESTS IN ORDER PREPARE PROGRAM WITH ABP AND VPS. KISSINGER

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